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Believe it or not, guys, this makes Seven Hills Publications one year old. The zine has changed quite a bit from the first issues, but the style is still the same.

With this issue, number six of ten issues in volume two, we are slightly behind the schedule we established. We should be on number eight, giving us eighteen issues per year. We'll have to hustle along to meet it.

For the benefit of all our readers/players, there will be a sort of policy statement on one of the inside pages. It's where you can expect this thing to go in the future. Read it.

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**ALL DEADLINES:**

April 15, 1975

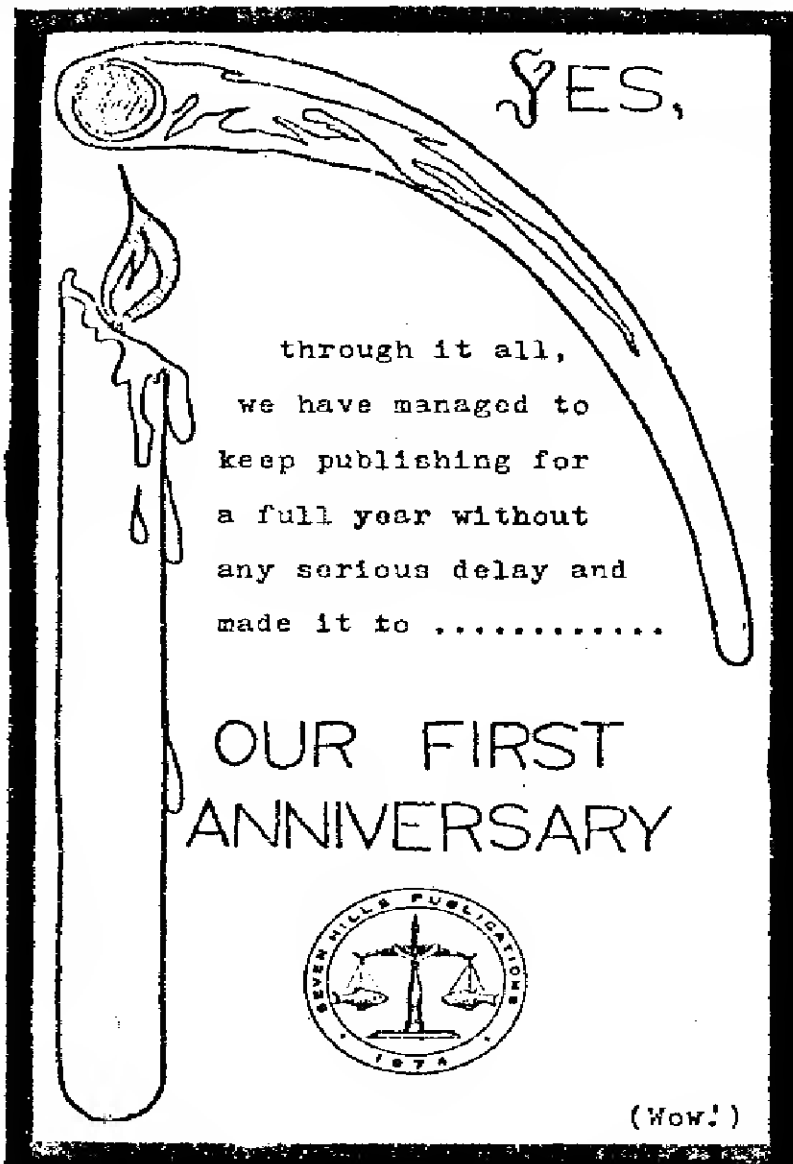
Mail Early! Don't Delay!

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Oh, someone in the last batch of letters asked why Gordon's address wasn't listed in the zine. It was only an oversight, since the headings on the zine are already printed and they don't have his address. Anyone who needs it (and who doesn't play in the game he's GM'ing), please make note:

Gordon W. McCabe, 12901 Jefferson Davis Highway, D-129, Chester, Virginia 23831 Telephone (804) 748-6004

This is about fifteen miles outside of Richmond in case you're interested. Mail delivery normally takes one to two days longer for him than for myself since the mail comes through Richmond first for some unknown reason. Remember that when you send him your orders.

That's about it for this page. Inside you'll find a little more of everything than usual - in celebration of our managing to last a year!



# At Last: IT'S ALL OVER !!

AUSTRIA (Klitzke)

A Bud S A Ser //Annihilated// ((Thanks for stickin'  
A Ser S A Bud //Annihilated// the game out!))

ENGLAND (Knowles)

FWAF S P Tyrr-Tun F WMD S F Tyrr-Tun F Tyrr-Tun  
F Gol-Tus A Wal-Gas F Eng C A Wal-Gas F Mat C  
A Wal-Gas F Spanc-Por F NAT-HOLD

GERMANY (Lagerson)

A Mos-Sev A Rum-Ser A Alb S A Rum-Ser A Ukr-Rum  
A Gal S A Ukr-Rum A Vie S A Tri-Bud A Tri-Bud  
A Pio-Mar A War-Ukr A Boh-Tyr A Tyr-Tri  
A Nap S A Rom A Rom S A Nap A Ven S A Tyr-Tri  
A Sil-War F Hel holds new super dooper, non-stop-  
pable lighter(lit) in front of barbed-wire mouthed  
cut-out tongued, Turkish prisoners while performing  
multiple castration operations without antiseptic  
or morphine and then uses burning coals to close  
the wounds. He then pours 35 gallons of gasoline  
(even at these prices) over the screaming Turkish  
fools, stands 100 feet away, ignites his super dooper  
well-fueled, Turkish prisoner-roasting flame throw-  
er and happily disposes of the stubborn and ungrate-  
ful, uncouth, Turkish former prisoners. // Move does  
not succeed; according to the standard rules of SPI  
SNIPER! game, whenever an idiot or a wounded man is  
operating a flamethrower, you must roll a die and if  
a "1" or "2" is rolled the flamethrower explodes. I  
can give you one guess as to your rolls.....//  
Summer '10 - Retreat F Tyrr-Tus  
A Bul-Gre A Sev-HOLD A Arm S A Sev A Con-Sul  
F Tun-HOLD F Ion S F Tun F Tus-Tyrr  
// F Tun is annihilated//

TURKEY (McCabe)

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART - 1972-DM - Fall 1910

AUSTRIA	Edi, Ser	0	0	-
ENGLAND	Bre, Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, For, StP, Spa, Swe, TUS	10	9	+1
GERMANY	Bol, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nap, Par, Rom, Rum, Tri, Ven, Vie, War, BUD, SER	18	16	+2
TURKEY	Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy, Zm	6	6	-
		SC	UNITS	+/-

Fall 1910 - The Map  
1972-DuMb

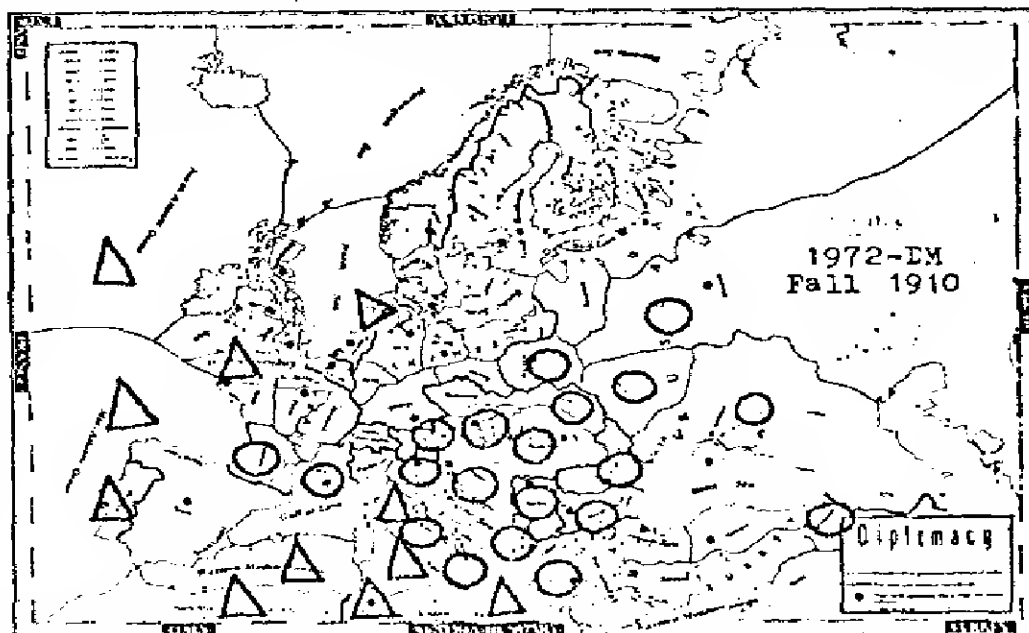
DEADLINE:

For Winter 1910-

APRIL 15, 1975

(Note: 18 units on  
the board are the  
requirements here)

Once the final set  
of orders is rece-  
ived here, this is  
officially over and  
done with for P&S



THERE WAS NO PRESS \* AS USUAL, OF COURSE....

DAVID LAGERSON- If you would so desire, you may submit a winner's  
statement about your play (or lack of it, clown) or whatever strikes your  
fancy (that's not an offer to strike you anywhere....). Take as much room  
as you need of course. Your typing and spelling will be missed greatly --  
almost as much as Mr. Nixon, you understand.....

# PARIS RAVAGED !!!

AUSTRIA (Rimperda)

W'08 - Build Army Trieste & Army Budapest  
S'09 - A Tri-Tyr A Ven S A Tri-Tyr A Bud-Gal  
A Ser-Bud A Apu-Nap A Rom S A Apu-Nap A Ank-Arm  
A Sev-Ukr F Ion-Tyrr // rt Adr, Emd, Alb, Tun, OTR//  
F Cly-Epl F Nth-Eng F Por S GA Gae-Spa //RSO//  
F Lon S F Nth-Eng

ENGLAND (Brooks)

FRANCE (Knowles)

W'08 - retreat F Lon-Eng and F Ion-Tyrr  
S'09 - A Mar-Bur F Bre-HOLD F Eng S F Bre // rt  
Wal, Ir1, Nat, OTB// F Lpl-HOLD A Tar S A Mar-Bur  
//unit annihilated// F Tyrr S F Nap F Nap S IA  
Tus-Roz

GERMANY (Baker)

W'08 - Build F Kie

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A Bur-Par  A Gas S A Bur-Par  A Pic S A Bur-Par
A Mun-Rur  A Hol-HOLD  F Ska-Nwy  F Kis-Den
A Boh-HOLD //unordered//

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ITALY (Moran)

F Gre-Ion    F Aeg S F Gre-Ion    A Tus-Rom  
 //Fall 1909 moves on file//

RUSSIA (Kelly)

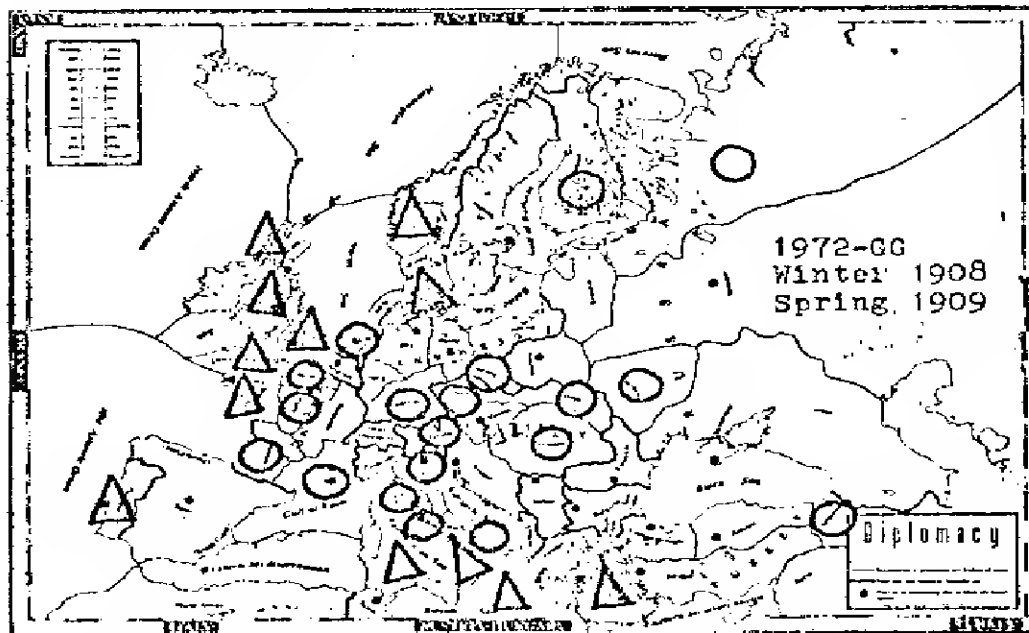
W'08 - Build Army Warsaw  
S'09 - A War-Sil A StF-Fin A' Mos-StF

CONCESSION: The vote for a concession to Aus, Ita, & Ger fails; 2-Yes, 2-No and 2-Abstain. There has been a new motion to concede the game to Italy & Austria with the remainder surviving/ PLEASE VOTE NEXT TIME

SURPRISE! THERE WAS NO PRESS \* AS USUAL. OF COURSE

JOHN BAKER: As you can see, having an overseas player will not hold up our game; Larry is very punctual with his moves. There may be a delay though until the Canadian Postal Strike is over (Is it ever?).

1972-GG



**DEADLINE:**

For Fall 1909-

APRIL 15. 1975

Terry Knowles:

Until the strike is over, it might be to your benefit to send a seasons moves with each set in advance. Of course, you can call if need be.

Larry Moran:

Your letter is in a little paragraph following.....

A FEW TIDBITS (note correct spelling, Terry):

## SMOKING AT THE WHEEL

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA—Tests conducted at the University of British Columbia indicate that marijuana smoking can significantly impair driving ability. The experiment involved 43 men and 21 women driving cars both on a special course and on city streets after having smoked strong, weak or fake marijuana cigarettes. According to Dr. Harry Khanoff, a professor of psychiatry, the subjects who received the real pot tended to show decreased awareness, caution and driving skill.

Police in Providence, Rhode Island, were notified that a large plate-glass window at a McDonald's restaurant was shattered by a brick. A note was found: "You deserve a brick today."

## Washington Star News

### Pickpockets With Polish

**POLITICIANS** promising us more federal funds are like the fellows who will take you out for a real fancy dinner if you will let them use your credit card.

—], Keynes & Pines, in a letter to the editor

THE DAY before Easter vacation, chemistry students at Hermitage High School, Henrico County, Va., found this note at the end of an examination paper: "Have a happy CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OR!" The student who wrote the funny, the greeting was: "Have a happy Easter!"

# RUSSIAN REFUGEES CAPTURED !!

AUSTRIA (Baker)    A Pru-War    A Sil-Wun    A Vic-Tyr    A Boh S A Vic-Tyr  
                    A Ven-Fie    A Ron-Ven    F Tri S A Ron-Ven    F Ion-Nap  
ENGLAND (Kelly)    F Nwg C A    Edi-Nwy    A Edi-Nwy    F Nth C A    Lon-Pen  
                    A Lon-Den    A Ruh S GA Mun    A Kie-Ber    A Fin-StP  
                    F Bal S A    Kie-Ber    F GoR S A    Pin-StP  
FRANCE (Fleming)    A Mun S A    Tyr-Roh    A Tyr-Roh    A Pic S F    GoL-Tus  
                    F GoL-Tus    F Tyrr S IF Tun-Ion    F Wmd S F    Tyrr  
                    F Tus-Ion  
ITALY (McCabe)    A Liv-War    ((Oops, note FA Tyr above rt OTE))  
RUSSIA (Blank)  
TURKEY (McLendon)    A Mos-War    A Sev-Mos    A Rum-Gal    A Gre-Alb    F Tus S  
                    AA Ven-Fie    F Kap-Rom    F Aeg-Ion    F Emd S F    Aeg-Ion

My, but you guys are beginning to play just a tiny little bit rough !!!

## THE PRESS:

PARIS to ANKARA--- We have put to work thirty-six gnome-like civil servants. Their task is to find a French army which has been annihilated. So far they've come up with nothing. Because we are paying these poor devils overtime, perhaps you could help us out? Which French Army? Where? When? The French General Staff would really appreciate any information. If you were told one of your armies was "annihilated", you'd want to know the details, right? Same here. //Note Army Tyrolia - as per our conversation....//

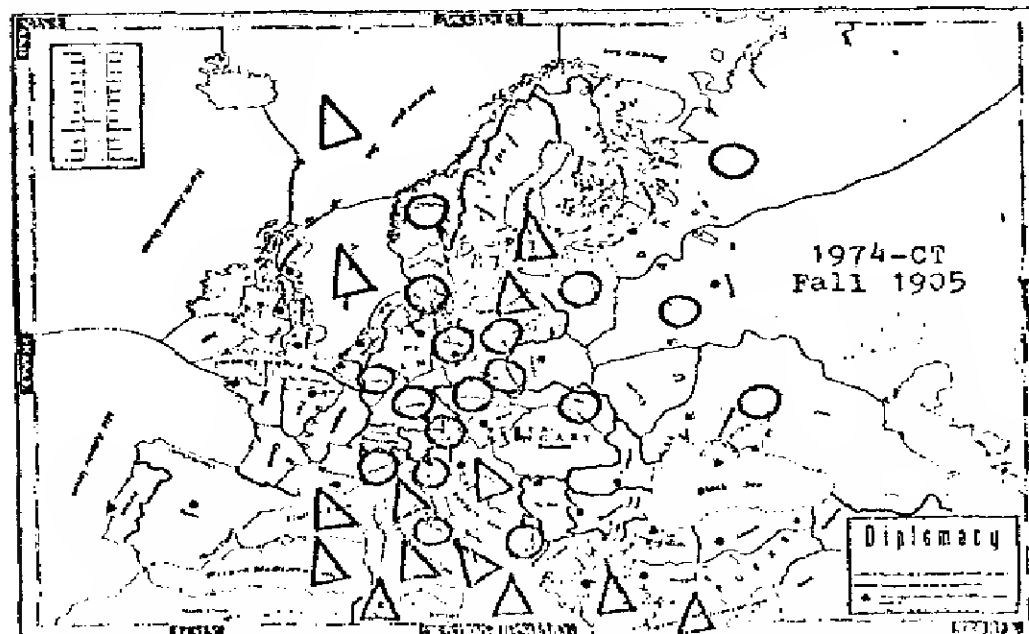
PARIS to VIENNA--- If the Turkish army in Rumania stays there through the Fall season, you've lost a supply center. In which case, the French General Staff would be open to negotiation with Austria. In other words, we'd be willing to "talk turkey", heh,heh,heh,heh,...ho,ho,ho,ho,...HA,HA,HA,... hrmph. Hih,hih,hih....But seriously,...(Get it: "turkey"!!) HAR,HAR,HAR,HAR-DE-HAR, HAR,HAR. //Try not to go into convulsions, old man!//

PARIS to STPETE--- That's not your real name! Is it?

SUPPLY CENTER CHART - Fall 1905 //Just out of the kindness of my heart...//

	SC	Units	+/-
AUSTRIA    Bud, Rom, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War	08	08	-
ENGLAND    Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, Swe, BER, STP	11	09	+2
FRANCE    Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa	06	05	+1
GERMANY <del>Mer</del> (had been in Civil Disorder)	0	0	-
ITALY    Tun	01	01	-
RUSSIA <del>XXX</del> (thanks again, Walt)	0	01	-1
TURKEY    Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Sev, Sny	08	08	-

1974-CT ((corrected before y'all caught me!))



## DEADLINE:

Winter '05 and  
Spring '06 are  
now due-

April 15, 1975

NOTE- Mr. McLendon  
will be out of town  
until April 1st or  
so - I'm not sure  
when he's leaving  
though - so write to  
him soon if you have  
the need.

THIS SPACE

AVAILABLE !!

RON KELLY - My dear wife just told me about your conversation with her when you called the other day; quote, "Is Mike home? Oh, well, since he is there, I guess I'll have to pretend that I called to check on my moves!" Now, Ron, if this kind of thing continues, I'll let her adjudicate all of your games - then we'll see how well they come out!



C. Barzotti

*"May I suggest roast waiter?"*



Polston

*"It's not my factory that's polluting the lake. . . . It's  
all those dead fish that're doing it."*

(Note: if you remember, combined P&S with PS some time ago...)

Pragmatic Sanction  
1971 AM Fall 1912

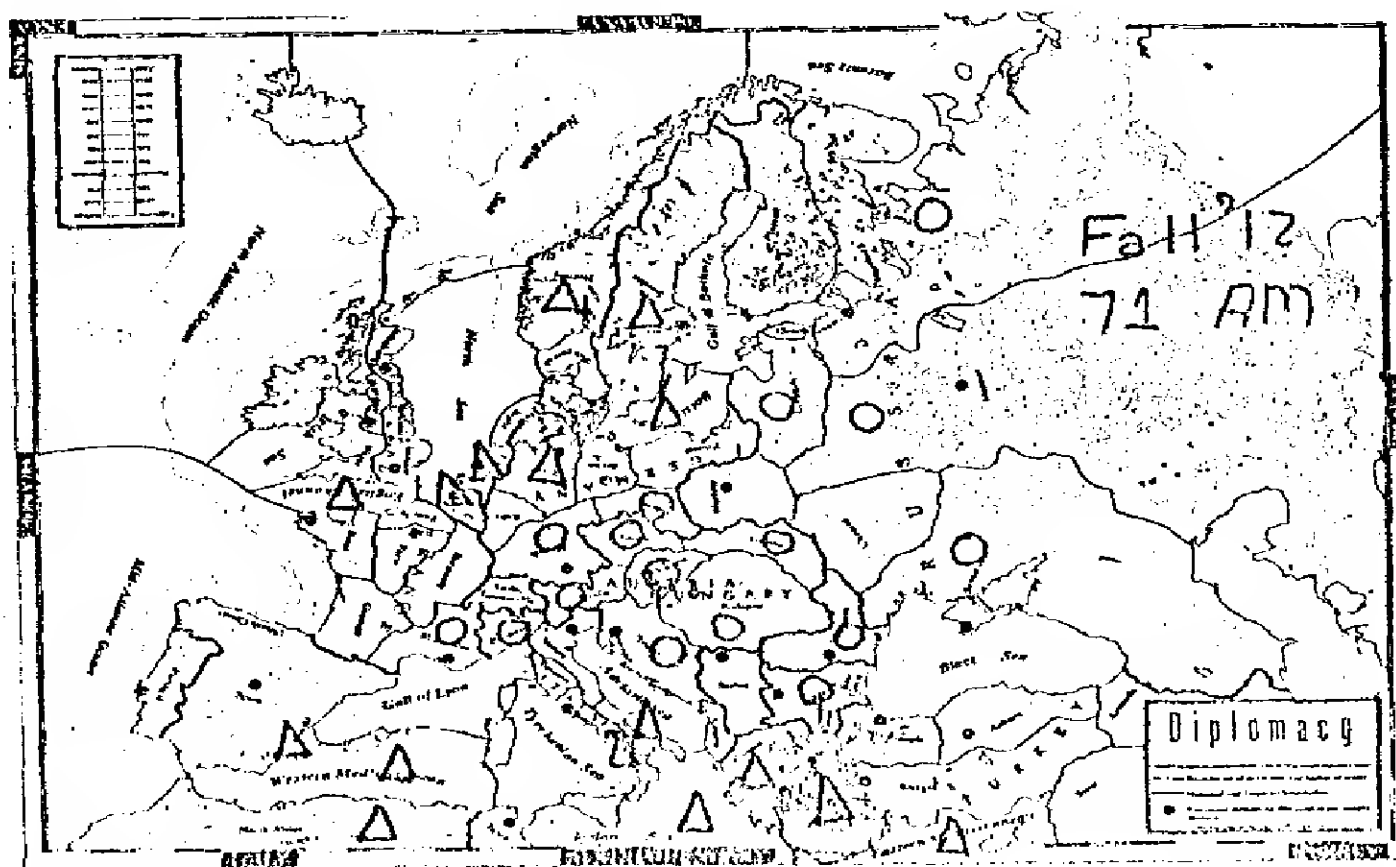
March 17, 1975

Turkey	Ripporda	A-Rum. S A Scvp., A-Sevp S A Rum., A-Bul. S A Rum., F-IonS S F Gro., F-Gro S F IonS., F-Acg S F IonS., F-EMed S F IonS.
Italy	Lind	F-TyrS-Med., F-Pic-EngC., F-Tun-HorAf., F-Apu-Nap., F-Adr-Apu., F-GofL-Spa (sc), A-Bud-Vic., A-Ser-Bud., A-Alb-Tri., A-Boh-Sil., A-Gal S A Boh-Sil., A-Pic-Mou., A-Tyr-Ihn.
England	Brooks	A-Stp Hold, F-Hvy S A Stp., F-Suc-Bal., F-Den-Ric., F-NthSS-Mol., F-Bel S F NthSS-Mol.
Germany	Tilson	<u>NMR</u> Armies Mar, Mun, Liv, Mos, Sil Hold Navy Bals Hold

ITALY Retreat Army Rum-Bud  
Summer 1912 Navy IonS-TyrS

Germany Retreat Army Sil  
Winter 1912

		u	SC	*or-
<u>England</u>	Edi, Lon, Liv, Hvy, Swe, Stp, HOL, KIE, BEL	6	9	+3
<u>Germany</u>	Ber, Den, Mos, Ham, Par, MAR, <del>HEL</del> , <del>HEL</del> , <del>KIE</del>	8	6	-2
<u>Italy</u>	Bre, Bud, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vic, <del>Yax</del> , <del>Yax</del>	13	11	-2
<u>Turkey</u>	Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Scvp, Smy, War, RUM	7 34	8 34	+1



# 1973-GJ PLAGUE FROM AUSTRIANS HITS HUNS!

1973-GJ  
Winter 1909 & Spring 1910

AUSTRIA (Kelly) W'09 - "Who in the hell stole my Fleet Apulia?" Uh, Ron, you moved to Naples not too long ago.  
S'10 - F Ion-Tun F Tyrr S F Ion-Tun F Nap-Rom A Rom-Ven A Boh-Gal A Gal-War A Iru S A Gal-War A Liv-StP A Mos S A Liv-StP A Ukr S A Mos F Alb-Ion A Gre-Ser A Ile S GA Mar A Ven-Tyr A Tyr-Boh // Batting 1000 // Fleet Yorkshire disbanded - country eliminated W'09

ENGLAND  
FRANCE (Blank) W'09 - Disband A Lpl & Fleet Spa sc  
S'10 - F Mat-Space //rt Tor,Iri,RAF,OTB// F Wmd s F Mat-Space

GERMANY (Brooks) W'09 - No Builds - Steve, you're playing three short  
S'10 - A War-Sev //IMF// //rt Sil,Liv,OTB// A StP S A War-Sev //IMF// //rt Fin,Nwy, OTB// F Nat-Mat F Eng S F Nat-Mat A Lpl-Yor A Lon S A Lpl-Yor F Nwg-Cly F Edi-Kth A Gas-Spa A Mar S A Gas-Spa A Bre-Par F Ric-Bre A Den-Kic //Its catching, huh? Ron's mental state...//

ITALY (Gorman) 2nd MMR - Player removed - F Tyrr unordered and so it is disbanded by GM - country is considered in C.D. because they still own one SC until the fall turn.

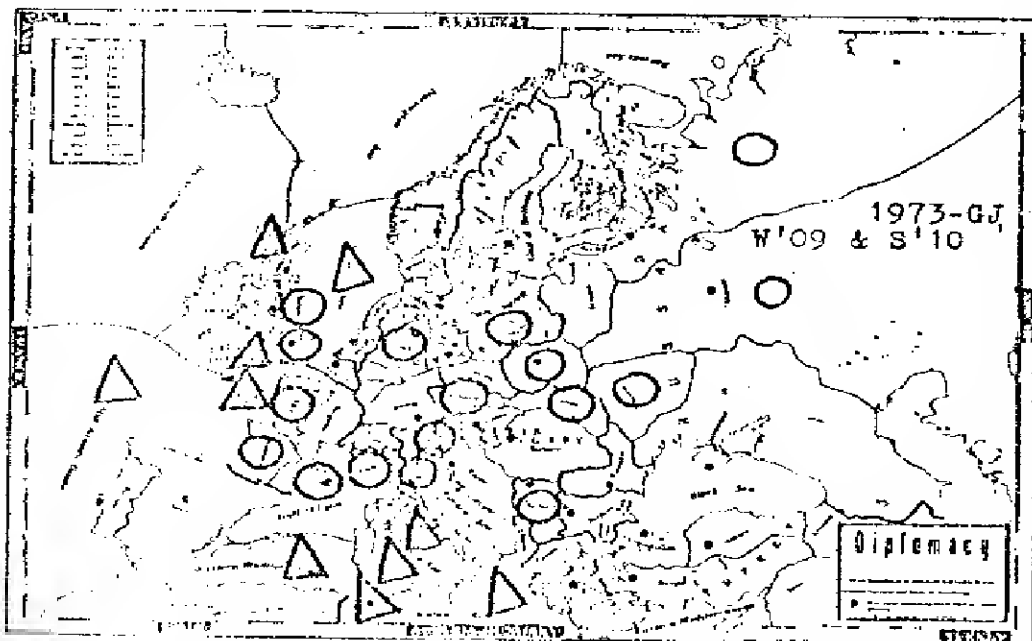
ON THE CONVESSION: 2-Yes, 1-No, 2-Abstain - the motion fails

PRESS:

FRANCE- I cannot express in words how much I enjoyed Kellys orders last turn. If he intended to end the game in the two way draw, why didn't he vote it so or at least have told me so when answering my letter instead of that pile of garbage on a tray he did write down. I consider that poor, very poor! //He can get bitter at times....//

PARIS 24 Nov 1909- King Adam thanks the unknown country who called for a concession to France. King Adam stated this, "There is no France; just as there is no England, Russia, Turkey or Italy - there is only Germany and Austria and a few rebels whining in exile." And, "the area formerly known as France will be divided into Greater Burgundy (Bur,Cas,&Mar) and Flanders (Par,Liv,&Bel). Brest will be ceded to the Dukedom of Wessex.

1973-GJ



DEADLINE-

For Fall 1910 is now due by:

APRIL 15, 1975

## HOW NOT TO LOSE YOUR ASS

Now don't any of you think that I have the perfect way to win your Diplomacy games. This little note is just to let you know where to go for the answer. Just write to Ron Kelly. In the few games I've seen him in, he's done pretty well. Maybe he hypnotizes all of his opponents; maybe he practices black magic; maybe he's really from some other planet disguised as a human; maybe he can read minds; who knows???? If you need help with your games, stay out of games with Kelly! He has no mercy! // All kidding aside, I've played with and against Ron and he is one of the wonders of Diplomacy. Its fantastic to watch him make a country work the way it should. He has a way with the game that not many people have... Ron, its a pleasure to be able to GM for players like you. //



LEW FRIEDMANER: "I seldom trade BI, just sent it along for the hell of it. If you send the game results I'll read 'em, but if you don't I won't miss them. The too bad it is being run as a game rather than as a press-vehicle; I don't think much of VotG as a game, the Black Angles might be interesting. Just got an NAOPS form from Pen & Sword. Thanks." (Lew was referring to my variant game which is running a section of his Variants of the Gods).

JOHN MORAN: John sent a note to which was attached \$1.00 in us funds. It will be used to finance Larry Moran's extra mailing costs. JOHN, let this be your receipt, okay?

DANIEL L. LAM: "I'm sorry for not replying to your questionnaire. P&S is a good zine and I enjoy it immensely. The maps are helpful and time-saving. However, my main interest nowadays is in playing and I receive two zines which contain only the results of the players moves. To me this is sufficient and the extra frills contribute in only a small way to my enjoyment. Unless you want to compete with DR or DW its not worth the extra effort as far as I am concerned. These other zines (DR & DW) provide me with valuable information and contain lengthy and interesting articles which in my opinion, compensate for the lack of games.

If you insist on going to all that extra work I don't want to discourage you. I read every word of P&S and follow the other games closely. The only criticism I can offer is that I would rather you didn't comment on the cases, eg, pg.2 line 17, pg.3 line 29, pg.5 line 1 and comments in press release, etc."

MY REELT: Hmmm... here's a lot to think about for P&S. I would hate to think that my efforts are being wasted when I could just publish (I'm not sure that would be correct in such a case as this) the results. Most of my reason for doing P&S as it is done is originality. That may be the wrong word considering I use articles and cartoons from other publications, but that's my reason. I have never seen a zine like P&S. I wanted it to be something that was interesting yet not something you had to read all of to enjoy. The short articles are just to let you browse through and get another view. The cartoons to break up the stagnant air of several games one after the other. Maybe I'm wrong to do this - maybe all the majority of players wants is the game results. My survey seems to indicate otherwise but.....

As for my comments on the games, I doubt if I'll stop. I enjoy the comments I make because they seem, to me, to probably be what everyone is thinking anyway. Hell, they don't influence play I don't think, so long as I don't comment directly on a single move or set. Take Page 5, line 1 as an example - I said "You baffled him" after a set of moves. Well, it was the same (and maybe only) set of moves to be used. Nothing new nor nothing unusual. My comment was only to add emphasis to the fact that there was little else to be done. What's wrong with that?

I would be interested in hearing what some of you have to say about this: 1) same results only and, 2) GM comments interspersed in the zine. STEVE BROOKS: From a part of a press release in 1974-AFGd, "I'll get that Mike Lind and his mistress Mary-Ann Wright before this is over."

MY REPLY: Well, Steve, you guessed it. Mary-Ann is my girlfriend and now that the truth is out, Mary-Ann can come out in the open with more of her wild comments, etc. Look forward to them, right, Mary-Ann? Why don't you drop Steve some more of your quizzes, or something of the like???

KNOWING. Wasn't anyone ever told you that its not  
very cool to send someone's wife letters through.

him? Now really, you're more forward than that Ron Kelly character!

**The Wall Street Journal**  
**Stone-Age Thinking**

## CURSE OF THE ZOMBIES

Washington, D.C.—Senator James O. Eastland, of the Internal Security Subcommittee, is studying the subversive influence of churches in the United States, saying that synagogues use continues to spread. "A study of New York City since 1963," he says, finds "a church saddled with a huge population of nonconformers." The Sen. has said he is concerned "to the problem of clerical flight, apathy and lack of motivation among rabbis, high school and high school students, and the believers it related to the needs of the people, especially minorities."

"Publishers, responding to a changing market in college texts, are increasingly resorting to simplified language in their books to adjust to a new element in higher education—the college student who cannot read at traditional college levels." They reported the *New York Times* wrote.

Sad to say, it is only one bit of evidence at which is been happening to the teaching of that most fundamental of intellectual tools: the handling of our native language. At the University of Wisconsin, more than one third of the freshmen to its four

nalism School cannot meet the minimum requirements in spelling, grammar, punctuation and word usage. At the University of California, some 45 percent of the freshman class has had to have remedial English.

It's fashionable to argue that young people raised on TV cannot be expected to read as well as prior generations. There are even those who say it *doesn't matter*, because reading will not be as important as it used to be for a well-informed citizenry.

The fact is that our educational system—and we ourselves—have accepted an anti language culture. The young do not learn their language because they are not taught. It doesn't matter? Without language we can neither learn nor think. The garage mechanic who cannot read cannot understand the engine manual any more than a legislator a tax bill. Those to whom written language is a mystery find—like some primitive people—that the world itself is a mystery.

— Seymour Chwast

— *Veronica longifolia*



# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



DEAR READERS:

Well, we made it. A year. So now what? That's what we've decided to tell you in this little note.

Once all of the games currently in PEN & SWORD are completed, we will cease publication of the zine. In most cases, the games are mostly completed now. 1971-AM, 1973-GJ, and 1972-DM are coming to a rapid end if things continue as they have of late. They should probably be finished in another five months. The other two games, 1972-GG and 1974-OL, have a considerable amount of time left in them - maybe as much as a year or more.

No new games will be begun in P&S from here on out. The zine will gradually lessen in content over this period of time but will not become just a set of moves if we can help it.

Our reasons for this are probably plain - expenses and time involved. We allowed ourselves a margin financially for the zine and we haven't lost too much there. And most of you have been very generous with your fees which helped greatly. Time is the main thing now. The zine has gotten to the point where we either want to expand it or drop it. Expansion is out of the question.

It's been fun for sure - and some work too. But, like they say, you only get out what you put in and we've come out ahead in pleasure. The zine was an experiment and our results come down to this - "It was really a fantastic experience but it's not something we want to continue for any long period of time."

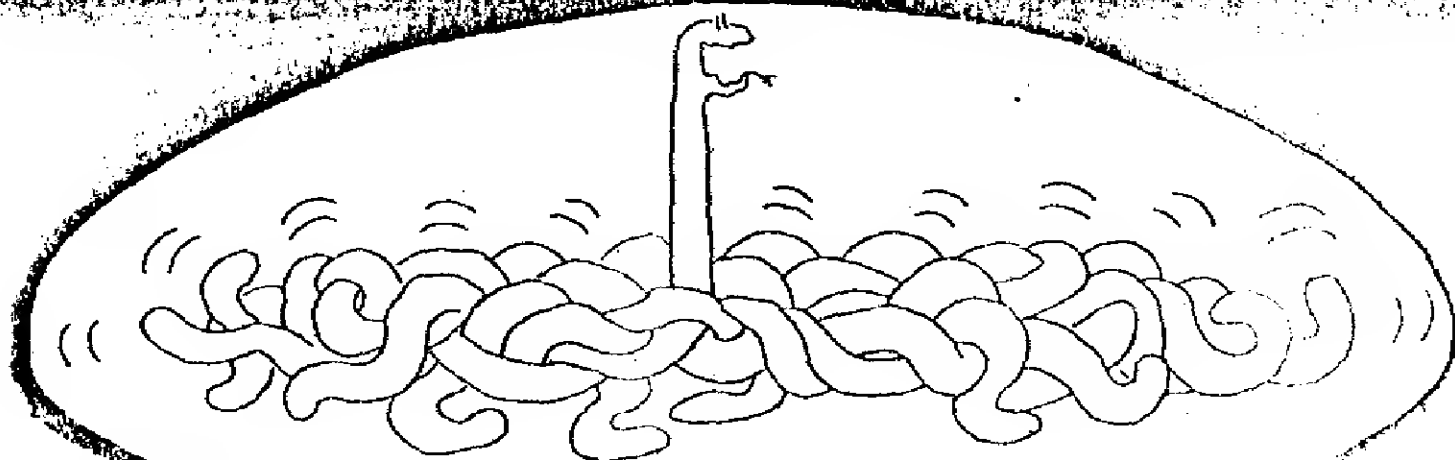
Most publishers probably do it for their ego more than anything else. We're no exception - it's nice to know that you can do something that can bring a little pleasure to people. Our little venture is just about at its end now, we've proved ourselves in a sense.

Now, we feel, is the time to make a decision and stick to it. Maybe this is why so many publishers drop out and leave games unfinished. They get into it too deep and can't phase it out. So, they abandon their players. Now that we've been in their place, we can understand their feelings. It's easy to overextend yourself.

If any of you have thought about publishing, think it over carefully. You'll hate yourself if you end up abandoning your games. Just remember that a single game can mean ten months to two years for completion. And more games may make it cheaper to produce but they will increase your workload too. If you're playing now, write to your GM's before you decide to publish and ask them what it's all about - it's worth your time.

So, that's where we stand. It's been great and all of you have helped to make it worthwhile for us. All of you have been a pleasure to play the game with - after all, it's people that make Diplomacy fun!

Your Gamesmasters & Publishers



"Change partners!"

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POSTMAN:

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You Win \_\_\_\_\_

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